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FLOWERS PLUS GIFTS — Flower and gift shop run by Friends of the Deaconess holds many delights for the gift speaker. At left, Mrs. Charles A. Lamb, chairman of gifts, shows new spring handbag to Customer Nan Mondello. At right, Miss Grace Edmands of the Friends and Student Nurse Janet Darche chuckle over tape-measure dog.

Friends' Central Lobby Gift Shop Is Ready for Booming Spring Business

Have you ever seen a perky littly puppy with a bright red tongue that turns out to be a tape measure? Or a tiny bright suede change purse dangling from the end of a key ring?

These are just two of the attractive, unusual gifts representing craftsmen all over the world that have been brightening up the Flower and Gift Shop off the Central Lobby this spring.

Last October the Friends of the Deaconess decided to combine "a real gift shop" with their flower shop. Mrs. Charles A. Lamb became chairman of gifts and began jaunting to gift shows and wholesale displays to find just the right things for this important venture.

With a flair for buying what is both eye-catching and suited to the average pocketbook, she stocked Swiss Chalet piggy banks, imported paper weights, midget manicure sets, small "Ginny" dolls that have real hair and blinking eyes and a variety of other things that are fun to look at as well as to wrap up in festive gift paper.

"Our prices are a little less than the stores downtown," says Mrs. Lamb. Volunteers of the Friends of the Deaconess make this possible because the shop is run, naturally, for the benefit of the NEDH.

Decorative candles, hand carved book marks, pastel stone earring and necklace sets, "surprise" balls for children that conceal 12 exciting prizes, stationery, pen sets, rain or shine coolie bonnets and pocket-size tool kits for the man in your life are some of the other candidates for your gift list.

And, if you're looking for a spring or summer handbag, take a look at the faille, straw and leather numbers sitting on the handbag shelves.

GRADUATION TO BE HELD ON MAY 17 AT JOHN HANCOCK HALL

Mrs. Henrichsen, Dr. Ferris Will Address Class of '55

Graduation for the NEDH School of Nursing will be held on Tuesday night, May 17, at 8:15 in John Hancock Hall, with the Rev. Mrs. Margaret Henrichsen, author of "Seven Steeples," as commencement speaker.

Graduation week will open with baccalaureate services at the Daniel L. Marsh Chapel of Boston University on Sunday, May 15. The baccalaureate speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Theodore P. Ferris, rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The baccalaureate service will take place at 8 P. M.

Friday, May 20th, will be the date for both the reunion of the 25-year class and the commencement formal.

Members of the class of 1930 will meet in the Joslin Auditorium at 2 P. M. for greetings by Robert D. Lowry, executive director of the hospital, and Miss Mildred Newton, director of the School of Nursing. A tour of the hospital will follow and the reunion will conclude with a dinner at Longwood Towers.

The graduation reception — a formal dance for the members of the senior class and their guests — will be held at the Hotel Somerset from 8:30 to 12 P. M.

Balcony and Floor Seats Available for Pops Night

Deaconess Night at the Pops, in case you've been wondering, will be TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 14.

In addition to half the floor, Friends of the Deaconess Hospital also have obtained 100 balcony seats for the hospital's Pops night. They may be ordered through the Public Relations Office for $1.50 a seat.

Mrs. John B. McKittrick of West Newton is chairman of Pops for the Friends. If you want to order floor seats, you should do so through her.

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First Lay Diabetes Meeting Is Held Here

A new organization called the Boston Lay Diabetes Society held its first meeting in the Joslin Auditorium on Thursday night, April 14, with over 200 diabetics and persons interested in diabetes in attendance.

A new venture in public health, the society presented a panel of four doctors who answered questions about diabetes for members of the audience.. Participating in the panel were Dr. Frank N. Allan, Lahey Clinic, moderator; Dr. Harry Blotner, Beth Israel; Dr. C. Cabell Bailey, NEDH; Dr. Richard Stetson, Massachusetts Memorial, and Dr. Reed Harwood, Massachusetts General.

Dr. Elliott P. Joslin was guest speaker.

Library Notes

Mrs. Beryl B. Paine, librarian, took an early vacation with a party of 20, visiting outstanding schools and colleges of the American Missionary Association, including Tuskegee, Atlanta University, Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., and Pleasant Hill Academy in Tennessee.

Mrs. John R. Ross and Miss Alice Cowen gave additional time as volunteers to help Mrs. Ruth G. Wells with the book wagon during April.

Library books can furnish many pleasures other than reading. "Driftwood Valley" by Stanwood Fletcher has for the second time inspired a bedridden reader to sketch in color the Aurora Borealis which is described so vividly in this book on British Columbia. Mr. D. S. Pokraka, a patient on Deaconess IV, is the most recent artist to be so inspired. Sketches are on the bulletin board in the library.

Scuttlebutt

(*Reprinted from the* CAPE CODDER, *Orleans, Mass., March 24 issue*)

We understand that a group of West Harwich gentlemen are going around with red faces these days. Seems they went to visit a friend at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston. The territory was strange, and they hunted for signs.

Finally found one that said "Deaconess Hospital." That was enough. They entered the building, sat themselves down on a bench in a corridor and waited for someone to ask whom they wished to see.

Presently a female head popped out of one door; soon another; and another!

After enduring scrutiny for some moments, it occurred to someone to take a look around. You guessed it! DEACONESS HOSPITAL NURSES' HOME!

Two Win $5 Awards

Two more practical, helpful suggestions won $5 awards this month.

The suggestion award winners were Melva R. Osborne, Deaconess IV night nurse, for an idea about addressograph plate guards, and Ernest R. Mealy of the Maintenance Department, who thought up a way of saving electricity on stairways. Congratulations!

NOTICE

The parking situation at the Deaconess will be difficult for some time because of construction work now underway on the new diabetic Hospital Teaching Clinic.

However, Deaconess road is being widened and angle parking will be provided to accommodate about 25 cars.

In the meantime, maybe a car pool could solve your parking problem.

It should also be mentioned that Pilgrim road must be kept open at all times to comply with city fire regulations, and the area behind the Palmer Building must be kept clear 24 hours a day to provide motor vehicle access to the building.

Students Entertain Auxiliary Board at Tea

Board members of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital were guests of honor at a tea at the School of Nursing on Wednesday, April 20, in appreciation of their recent renovation gift.

Tea festivities in the newly decorated pink, gray and green living room were combined with a tour of the new snack kitchen on the roof of Harris Hall.

Student Government officers were hostesses for the occasion. They included Carolyn Trainor, Valerie Koskela, Ruby Seagrave, Juanita Settele, Elizabeth Jackson, Alice Faye Karlson and Delores Peterson. Presiding at the tea table were Betsy Nickerson, Ann Joyce, Bette Cook, Joan Ellis, Joanne Houle and Carol MacDonald.

Harris Hall was at its prettiest for the party — the result of behind the scenes perking up by the entire student body. Many compliments were received on the new decor in the living room, the alcoves and the smoking room, all made possible by funds presented to the hospital by the Friends.

The roomy, attractive AND practical snack kitchen on the roof, a joint project of the Friends and undergraduates and alumnae of the school, sparkled for the open house. Student guides escorted the Friends on an inspection tour of the kitchen.

All the shopping and selection of equipment for the kitchen was done by Mrs. Richard H. Sweet of the Friends!

Deaconess Glee Club Planned for Next Fall

About 20 persons have already indicated they are interested in a Deaconess Hospital Glee Club.

If you, too, are interested, but haven't yet said so, contact Edith Erickson or Jane McGuire in Pathology (Ext. 544).

It is hoped that organizational plans can be made this spring in preparation for launching the Glee Club in the fall.

You don't have to be a talented singer. You just have to LIKE to sing.

Weddings

Alice Jane Ricker, '55 senior to Louis G. LaPointe, Jr. of Beverly on March 19 in Augusta, Maine. Mr. LaPointe attended the University of Massachusetts and is now serving with the U. S. Army.

Klara Mae Hankinson, assistant director of the nursing service, to Edward Goodwin Gove. The wedding took place on April 9 in Watertown.

Phyllis Bradley, '52, former assistant head nurse, to Raymond Allen of Woburn. The couple were married April 16 in Fall River.

STATE HOUSE EXHIBIT TO PORTRAY STATE AS WORLD HEALTH CENTER

National Hospital Week Observance May 8 to 14

Massachusetts as a world health center will be the theme of a month-long exhibit in the grand foyer of the State House during the month of May in connection with National Hospital Week.

National Hospital Week, the time of year when the public eye is particularly focused on the nation's hospitals, will be observed this year from May 8 to 14.

Preparations for the State House exhibit, sponsored jointly by the Massachusette Hospital Assembly and the state Department of Commerce, have been underway for many weeks. Photographers visited the NEDH for a picture that portrays the close relationship between patients, doctors and dietitians. (Dr. Alexander Marble, Mrs. Heather Stykolt and Mrs. Barbara Jones are the people in the picture, in case you don't recognize them).

This particular shot will be part of a display by the Massachusetts Dietetic Association, one of 30 organizations to be represented in the exhibit.

Governor Christian A. Herter will officially open the health exhibit on Tuesday, May 10, at 12:30 P. M.

On Thursday, May 12, six members of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital will be guides for visitors to the display. Volunteer guides during the morning, from 9 to 1, will be Mrs. Richard H. Overholt, Mrs. Charles A. Lamb and Mrs. Lewis M. Hurxthal. During the afternoon the volunteers will be Mrs. Shields Warren, Mrs. Eugene H. Mather and Mrs. Leland S. McKittrick.

Watch the papers and the bulletin boards for more news of this appropriate reminder that the Bay State serves, teaches and influences the entire world through its medical, hospital and health services.

Bowling League Picnic Scheduled for June 8

In a switch to informality, the Deaconess Bowling league will have a picnic instead of a banquet this year.

The place will be Houghton's Pond in Milton, and the date, Wednesday, June 8.

Charles Spalding, bowling chairman for the year, says tickets will be distributed by team captains. The supper will be catered, and it will be followed by square dancing or games and record dancing.

IMPORTANT RESIDENT OF CRI — This bewhiskered hamster is important cog in research at NEDH Cancer Research Institute. A total of 112 of her cousins are involved in transplanting of human cancer cells for study and treatment of disease.

Human Cancer Transplants Reach 30th Generation of Hamsters in CRI Project

The cancer war will be won, "but on many small fronts and on many small battlefields," a capacity audience was told by Dr. Sidney Farber at Boston's kick-off luncheon for the 1955 American Cancer Society crusade on March 31.

An accumulation of small fronts and small battlefields is what gives the NEDH's Cancer Research Institute a special place in the medical world's slow but steady attack on cancer.

Dr. Shields Warren, the CRI's distinguished medical director, reports that 16 research projects are currently in progress. Supporting organizations include the American Cancer Society, the United States Public Health Service, the Office of Naval Research, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Harvard Cancer Commission.

One CRI first now being pursued "enthusiastically" involves 112 hamsters and their cheek pouches. Growing in the pouches are human tumors (cancer) that can be treated and examined just by turning the rodent cheeks inside out.

First undertaken here by Dr. W. B. Patterson, Dr. Sheldon C. Sommers and Miss Rosanna Chute, the transplants have progressed to the 30th generation of hamsters!

The first, still-living human tumor in New England ever transplanted to a rodent cheek is now in its 30th successive pouch. Mrs. Helen Patterson, wife of Dr. Patterson, is carrying on the work.

As explained by Dr. Warren, the significance of the research is four-fold:

It is a means of carefully and readily examining human cancer experimentally.

The ease with which the tumor grows seems to be related to the inherent malignancy of the cancer.

It makes possible the observance of how cancer cells pick up their nutritional and blood supplies.

And, most important of all, new methods of treatment can be tried.

Dr. Warren added: "It may prove to be a means of speeding up the testing of chemotherapeutic drugs."

Hospital Receives 360 Gideon Bibles

On Friday night, March 25, the Deaconess Hospital received 360 Bibles for patients' bedside tables from the Gideon International.

The presentation ceremonies were held in the Joslin Auditorium under the auspices of the Rev. Rudolph Samuelson and the Bibles were accepted on behalf of the hospital by John L. Slayton, administrative assistant in charge of administrative services. Music was by the School of Nursing Sextette.

The red, leather-bound Bibles were gifts to the hospital in addition to the white Testaments and Psalms traditionally presented to the newest class of student nurses by the Gideon Auxiliary.

Credit Union Has Office

Did you know that the Alpha Credit Union now has an office?

It's located on the first floor of the Central Building, opposite the stairs to the cafeteria.

Office hours are Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m and from 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 to 1:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 to 5:30 p.m.

ABOUT THE DEACONESS

The New England Deaconess Hospital and its DR. JOSEPH H. MARKS were mentioned in a Saturday Evening Post article (April 9 issue) about the new drug chlorpromzine, "The Medicine That Melts Anxiety."

Medical writer Steven M. Spencer, quoting from an article by Dr. Marks in the New England Journal of Medicine, also discussed use of the new drug in combating radiation sickness. Dr. Marks said, "Never before has any preparation for combating radiation sickness been used with such satisfactory results."

The Deaconess was host to the Clinical Science Club on Saturday, April 2. The new NEDH laboratories were the subject of speeches by DR. WILLIAM MEISSNER, DR. BRADLEY COPELAND and CHARLES SPALDING.

HERBERT C. ROBINSON, president of the Alpha Credit Union, was unanimously elected to represent the ACU at the annual convention of credit unions at the New Ocean House in Swampscott May 5 and 6.

Another new face, this time in the nursing offices. MISS FLORENCE M. HIGGINS of 60 Oakwood Road, Newtonville, has become secretary to Miss Newton.

MRS. DORIS TEICHMUELLER of 393 Beacon Street is secretary to Mrs. Mary Allen, executive housekeeper. She came to Boston from Tampa, Florida.

MISS E. LOUISE SEYMOUR, chief record librarian of the NEDH, is a new member of the Massachusetts Hospital Association.

Many of her Deaconess associates were appreciative members of the audience for the senior recital of ELEANOR HO, pianist and student at Boston University. It took place at Recital Hall, 25 Blagden Street, Boston, on Friday night, April 15. Miss Ho is a part-time worker in the pathology lab.

DR. JOHN H. KEOGH of 132 Sutherland Road, Brighton, resident in radiology studying under Dr. Joseph F. Marks, received one of nine clinical fellowships awarded by the American Cancer Society this month to continue his work at the NEDH.

CHARLES F. SCHRAUB, Chief Pharmacist, was recently elected Vice-President of Massachusetts Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

News about pharmacist PASQUALE ARRIGO: Baby son (third offspring) arrived March 20, 1955. Name, Glenn Anthony Arrigo; weight, 6 lbs. 8 oz.

To Mr. and MRS. GEORGE DUFFY, a son born March 28. Mrs. Duffy is a former teaching diabetic nurse with the Joslin Clinic.

Engagements

Bernice Crawford, of the Messenger Service, to Frank Donovan of Boston. The couple will be married June 4.

Nancy Bodkin, Personnel Office, to Andrew Miller Wood. Mr Wood is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School. A June wedding is planned.

Constance Ann Tower, '56 senior, to Harold H. Hallamore of Brockton. Mr. Hallamore is currently serving with the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia.

Astrid Mattson, '53, to Morris N. Kazanjian, Jr. Until recently, Miss Mattson was a nurse in the First Aid Room and is now with the Joslin Clinic. A May wedding is planned.

Janet Molander, '55 junior, to James A. Bailey, Jr. Mr. Bailey attended Northeastern University and is now with John H. Barrett, Inc. of Boston.

Barbara Frances Leslie, '57 junior, to James Carlton White of Weymouth.

Claire Genevieve Davis, '50, to Richard Alan MacGregor of Newton. Mr. MacGregor is a graduate of the Franklin Technical Institute.

Bowling Scores
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Team No.		*Points*
4	Mr. Emery	72
6	Mr. Fisher	70
3	Mr. Sabine	66
	Mr. Lowry	61
	Mr. Spalding	57
	Mr. Bettinelli	54
	Mr. Nelson	45
	Mr. Osgood	43
	Mrs. Brooks	34
	Mrs. Maguire	34

High Singles for April 13, 1955

E. Palmieri	93
Louis Arth	112

High Singles for the Year

Virginia Hume	114
Sam Marotta	131

High 3-String Totals for the Year

Virginia Hume	312
Charles Schraub	328

High Average for the Year

Virginia Hume	92
Charles Schraub	97

N.E.D.H. Well Represented At N. E. Hospital Assembly

The Deaconess was much in evidence at the 32nd annual meeting of the New England Hospital Assembly at the Hotel Statler March 28, 29 and 30.

Successful innovation of the conference this year was a series of instructional conferences planned for all departments in a hospital organization. Five NEDH personnel obtained tickets to the highly over-subscribed sessions.

Attending the Assembly were 5475 representatives of 437 hospitals in New England. The Deaconess filled three tables at the Tuesday night banquet and entertainment. During the three days, there were a total of 22 general sessions on all phases of hospital activity.

Lights Out Department

The Deaconess Hospital uses the same amount of electricity in a year as a community of 802 families!

We can't economize in our operating rooms or in some other areas where lighting is vital throughout the day. But perhaps we can in many places exposed to daylight.

These areas have been spotted by Mr. Donald L. Sabine, superintendent of maintenance and engineering, with little red and green disc-like signs. They say, "Please turn lights out when not in use." Your cooperation in doing just that can save the NEDH many dollars.

Mr. Sabine says that last year the hospital spent $48,138.14 for electricity — "enough to furnish power and illumination to a community of 802 families." Let's cut that down to a smaller community!

HEALTH CENTER NEWS

This is injection season at the NEDH Health Center.

Ninety-six employees of the Deaconess received their first tetanus (lock jaw) shots on March 30, the second on April 20, and have one more to go — the third comes on May 11.

The State Department of Health and our own health clinic make possible this protection against lock jaw. The health department supplies the vaccine and the Health Center takes it from there.

Don't forget you'll need a booster shot next year, and then one every three years after that to keep up the immunity.

The tetanus series is now a part of the pre-employment physical at the NEDH, if the new employee wants it. It is strongly recommended.

After you've had your three tetanus shots, it will be time for the typhoid series. Watch for an announcement from the Health Center.